



Weekly Booster

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Every fourth week of November, we tell ourselves that Thanksgiving should not just be a once-a-year thing, but a way of living every day. Ephesians 5:15-20 is a call to remember that belief. This brief text sums up with “giving thanks to God the Father at all times.” At all times! What if we held a thanksgiving service here in the middle of August? Turn to the hymns we usually sing in November and be reminded that gratitude isn’t confined to a season. Yes, many of those hymns are harvest related, but the bounty of God’s providence can be seen at all times. And here in August, in many parts of the world, gardens are beginning to produce, and we can be thankful even for the abundance of zucchini! (or cucumbers)

But remember the “at all times” part of the text. This isn’t just about being thankful for food and plentiful harvests. It is about finding blessings in everyday living. Of course, since the text invites it, there should be plenty of singing in this thanksgiving in August service; “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your hearts.” Gratitude is to be found all over the hymnal and our song repertoire; it is one of the dominant themes of worship music.

One of the purposes of such a worship experience is to move our thinking away from what we think we don’t have toward what we have already been blessed with. It is shifting from a scarcity mindset into a realization of the abundance of God’s providence. But even as we do so, we should take time to acknowledge that there are many who are left out of the abundance, not because of the lack of resources, but due to unequal distribution. That is why we are invited to share what we have, so that all might have something. So, lifting up feeding and helping ministries from a gratitude perspective is an appropriate way to be thankful. At the same time, we can advocate for more just policies in our town or city or nation, as we seek to lift from poverty those who have been left aside.

People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

Sin: the original smoke detector.

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The Ephesians text talks about the times being evil, and it is often hard to argue about the brokenness of the world around us. Certainly, the kingdom we proclaim is not yet fully here, which is what the author of Ephesians is warning readers about. Yet we can see glimpses of that reality around us if we begin to pay attention and call out what is right in our world, what is reflective of God's grace and kingdom living. Even more is the call to be the sign of God's grace in the world, to be the example that living by kingdom values is not only possible but preferable to the values of a broken world. This is how we give thanks at all times, by living our gratitude each and every day.

Reminders

August 18th
Praise Team
5:30 p.m.

August 19th
T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

August 22nd
United Methodist Men's
Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
(All men welcome)

September 11th
Benefit Concert for
Qixin Sun & family
2:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

****Do you have artistic abilities? If so, your help is needed. Contact Pastor Kelly**

****Worship Assistants needed for September**

**** Fellowship Volunteers are needed each week Sign-up sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall**



We need a Bell Choir Director. If you feel called to join the worship team as the "Bell Choir Director" please contact the office. This is a part-time position with a weekly practice commitment and one Sunday a month in church performance. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

We also need people willing to play the bells. Contact the office if interested in playing in the Bell Choir.



It has been a while since The United Methodist Men have gotten together for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion. All men are welcome (you do not need to be a church member) to join The United Methodist Men for breakfast on Sunday, August 22nd starting at 8:00 a.m. We will meet in Fellowship Hall downstairs. Bring a friend and join us. We look forward to seeing you for breakfast.

Offertory Giving

Giving is easy to do on our website! In the upper right-hand corner click "GIVE" and it will walk you through how to make a one-time, weekly, or monthly offering or donation. It is private and secure.



You can mail your offering to:

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Pastor's Reflections

Greetings Brothers and Sisters – fellow disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am happy to be back home. I am thankful for a successful surgery for my mom and good follow-up pathology. She's still got a road to travel, but she is a woman of strong faith, and she is grateful for her family's help and all of our prayers. It seems that God's not quite done with her yet. 😊🙏

God's not done with you, either. Your road is not the same as my mothers, or mine, or *pick a name*, but you have some traveling to do. You have some maturing to do. You have more sharing of your gifts to do. How will you train for that journey? How will you practice your faith so that it grows stronger? What progress have you made this last year or two? Who helps hold you accountable?

Ponder these things, and I'll see you Sunday.

Blessings,

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Church Office Hours

**No children or adult Sunday School at this time.

****Bell Choir** – TBA
Chancel Choir - Sept. Wednesday Nights

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Office Hours

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00
Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00
Wednesday
 CLOSED
Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Stack every bit of criticism between two layers of praise.



Which of the following is not a "fruit of the Spirit?"

- a) love
- b) health
- c) peace
- d) goodness

Check next week's Booster for answers to the three trivia questions.

What group of people was commended for comparing Paul's teachings with the scripture?

- a) the Thessalonians
- b) the Bereans
- c) the Colossians
- d) the Galatians

Who wrote down the book of Romans for the apostle Paul?

- a) Lucius
- b) Jason
- c) Tertius
- d) Erastus



Where God guides, God provides.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 15th – Betty Bencoter
- 16th – Keven Livengood, Devin Morelock, Carl Priebe
- 17th – Deb Milstead
- 18th – Darrel Allely, Steven DeLong, Joan Hamilton
- 19th – Vicky (Tyner) Briggs, Jessica Lambertsen
- 20th – Mary Jane DeLong

Bible Trivia Answers for August 8th Booster

- c) the fruit of the Spirit
- a) love
- c) Your fingers are like limbs of cedar.

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God!

P: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessing of every kind.

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

P: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

A: Amen!

“Giving Thanks”

Old Testament Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

New Testament Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Songs

Blessed Be Your Name #3002 (Green Book)

Special Music – It Is Well with My Soul – Lanette Peavey

Sing Praise to God #126 (Hymnal)

Nothing Can Trouble – Instrumental - Offering

Give Thanks #2036 (Black Book)

August 8th Attendance

In-Person Worship – 86

Online Worship – 16

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”